



WORKING FOR
WIRRAL
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
EDUCATIONAL
PSYCHOLOGY ROLES

Thank you for your interest in joining our Children's Services in Wirral. We're working to create integrated, locality-based models of support, where family help services, education, health and community partners work together as one team for our children and families. Within this, Educational Psychologists are central- not operating at the margins, but shaping how we understand need early, intervene effectively, and build the capacity of schools, families and communities to support children to thrive. Wirral is a place where relationships matter, professional voice is valued, and expertise is used to influence whole-system change, not just individual outcomes.



Elizabeth Hartley
Executive Director for People

We are on a steady journey of improvement, with a strong foundation already in place and a clear plan for the next phase. Our SEND improvement work, development of Family Help, and commitment to inclusion mean that Educational Psychologists will be working in a system that is both ambitious and realistic about what it takes to improve outcomes. You will find colleagues who are compassionate, reflective and determined to do the right thing- and a leadership team that is equally committed to creating the conditions for high-quality practice to flourish.

If you are motivated by making a lasting difference, working collaboratively across disciplines, and helping to build a system that truly helps parents and communities take good care of their children, then Wirral offers an opportunity to be part of something special.

Elizabeth



 **WIRRAL**

Working together to secure brighter futures for all

In **Wirral Children's Services** we work together to secure brighter futures for all. We promote opportunities for all children and young people, we do the right things for children and families, and we make sure that children who need our care are better off because of it.

If you want to be part of a team that delivers positive outcomes for our children and families - with effectiveness, efficiency and care - then Wirral Children's Services is the place for you.

We are looking for committed and compassionate **Educational Psychologists** that want to make wide-reaching impact and a meaningful difference for our children.

A circular logo with an orange background. The text "WE ARE" is in large, bold, blue letters at the top. Below it, "WIRRAL" is in white, bold, sans-serif letters. To the right of "WIRRAL", the words "CHILDREN'S" and "SERVICES" are stacked vertically in a pink, bold, sans-serif font.

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Working for Wirral | More about us

In Wirral Children's Services, improving outcomes and life chances is important for all of our Wirral children and young people with particular priority given to those who are vulnerable or who experience SEND. Inclusion for all is of continuing importance on Wirral and we see the recent SEND Reform proposals as an exciting opportunity to achieve our local authority goals.

Our Wirral EP team is now expanding and you'll be joining us at an exciting time of change to build on and develop our service. We are looking for qualified or Trainee Educational Psychologists who want to join our vibrant and welcoming EP team at a time of development and growth.

Alongside our statutory role we've prioritised the promotion of inclusive practice through initiatives that all EPs have an opportunity to be part of such as the Neuroinclusive Education Network training, Emotional Literacy Support Assistants and Emotional Barriers to School Attendance, including our innovative AV1 robot offer.

We are highly regarded and seen as integral to the implementation of the Experts at Hand model to support inclusion and improve outcomes for children, young people and their families. In addition to EPs, the team includes Trainee Educational Psychologists and Assistant Educational Psychologists, so a commitment to high quality supervision is important to us.



More about the roles | Main Grade EP

We welcome applications from qualified HCPC registered Educational Psychologists or Trainee Educational Psychologists who are in Years 2 or 3 of their doctorate programme.

You will undertake the role and duties of an Educational Psychologist and be responsible for delivery of a psychological service to schools and settings, as well as providing psychological advice to the authority as requested.

You'll be able to work across services and with team members to work collaboratively to improve outcomes for children and young people – supporting the ongoing development of inclusive practice on Wirral.

In addition, you will support the Local Authority in fulfilling statutory duties and developing the 'Expert at Hand' programme. You will be able to provide supervision for our assistant EPs and our ELSA colleagues in schools.

You will have opportunity to supervise trainee EPs in line with university guidance.

Specialist Educational Psychologist

We welcome applications from qualified and experienced Educational Psychologists who have knowledge and experience related to the specified area of interest, namely **Neurodiversity** or **Social Emotional and Mental Health**.

In addition to the main grade role responsibilities, as a Specialist Educational Psychologist you will lead and develop inclusive practices across schools, educational settings and the local authority to meet identified strategic outcomes, applying psychology to create positive change, often through multi-agency working in a specified area of practice.

You will lead and develop team members' knowledge and practice within the area of specialism, ensuring strong evidence-based practice across the Educational Psychology team.



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What you'll need to be successful

You will bring an enthusiasm and willingness to work as part of the EP team as well as collaboratively with parents and carers, schools and settings as well as with other professionals and across support services.

You'll have a commitment to child and person-centred practice.

You will hold a recognised postgraduate qualification in Educational Psychology and be registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

You will also have an understanding of SEND legislation, statutory processes, safeguarding responsibilities and the psychological frameworks that support positive change.

All successful candidates will be required to have an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.



Working for Wirral | Our offer to you

- A welcoming and supportive team
- A period of supported induction
- Hybrid working and flexible working opportunities
- Up to 3 SPA points
- Fantastic career progression opportunities through permanent Specialist Senior and Senior EP roles
- Reimbursement of HCPC registration fees
- Accessible office space with a smart working environment
- Salary exchange opportunities including additional annual leave purchase scheme - find out more here
- 28 days leave plus public holidays – increasing to 33 days after 5 years of service
- Corporate coaching offer
- Access to Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)
- Staff benefits scheme
- Equality, diversity and inclusion offer
- Corporate Invigor8 council leisure centre discounts
- Occupational health support
- Motorcycle and bicycle loan scheme
- Volunteering scheme
- Excellent pension scheme
- Hybrid and flexible working

Working in Mallory Building, Birkenhead

Transport

Birkenhead Bus Station is a two minute walk

Conway Park Train Station is a five minute walk

Birkenhead Central Train Station is a nine minute walk

The Cycle Store located on the ground floor for those cycling and walking to Mallory.

Fitness

Europa Leisure Centre is a four minute walk away

Colleagues located at Mallory have access to all facilities including the gym and pool as part of a discounted employee Invigor8 scheme

A range of lunch time classes are available

Visit [Active Wirral](#) for more information

Green Spaces

Birkenhead Park is the closest park to Mallory, about an 8 minute walk away

Read more about [Birkenhead Park](#)

Food & Shopping

Mallory is on the doorstep of Birkenhead Town Shopping Centre

Food outlets are available throughout Birkenhead Town Centre

Local cafes and eateries around Hamilton Square are a short walk



Living in Wirral

Wirral is a beautiful place to live and work.

Wirral boasts miles of scenic coastline, from West Kirby to New Brighton, with sandy beaches, cliffs, and stunning estuary views - perfect for walking, sunsets, and water sports.

Wirral has plenty of green spaces, it's one of the greenest parts of Merseyside. Birkenhead Park [heritage add], is only an 8 minute walk from our wonderful Mallory Building.

Wirral is located close to Liverpool, you can enjoy all the culture, of Liverpool on just a short train ride or ferry ride. In Wirral we have excellent transport links, so commuting is easy. We encourage active travel and within our Mallory Building we have a cycle store available for all colleagues.

Want to know more about Wirral ? Visit our website [here](#).



Ready to find out more?

If Wirral Children's Services sounds like it is your next move, get in touch!

If you are interested and would like to know more about us, please get in touch with our Senior Educational Psychologists, they are waiting for your call...

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Ready to apply? Follow this [link](#) for our Main Grade EP roles and [here](#) for our Specialist roles

